



### Utah HOSA State Leadership Conference

# “Capture the Magic of HOSA”

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**H**OSA members from all over the state of Utah came together for the 2006 Utah HOSA State Leadership Conference in Layton, Utah. The newly developed Davis Conference Center was filled with HOSA members, advisors, and industry representatives. With nearly 960 registered competitors and 36 different competitive events, Utah HOSA members were able to demonstrate their determination for our organization and their desire to become future health care professionals.

The opening ceremony was filled with enthusiasm as the Utah HOSA Executive Council unveiled their conference theme, “Capture the Magic of HOSA.” HOSA members enjoyed a magic show by Don Paulus and the keynote address by Dr. Thomas Kennedy who works as a member of the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Occupational Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Utah. The Utah HOSA Executive Council also acknowledged the secondary and postsecondary institutions which are affiliated with HOSA and gave special recognition to their advisors for their determination in spreading the mission of HOSA and enabling opportunities for their students.

The conference was filled with activities and networking opportunities. Utah HOSA was able to showcase its chapters and was able to celebrate a year of growth. New advisors and members had a chance to get oriented to HOSA and were given the opportunity to meet other advisors and members. As the conference came to a conclusion, HOSA members were invited to the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California and were encouraged to participate in HOSA activities in the coming years.

Utah HOSA members are excited to meet other HOSA members from across the nation at the 2006 National Leadership Conference this June at Anaheim, California.

